



WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 2005

The Commonwealth of Virginia welcomed more rain during the week ending October 16, 2005. Due to the rain, many farmers experienced delays with their fieldwork. Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.8. The rain continued to improve the topsoil and subsoil moisture. Pasture conditions improved across the state. Even with the improved pasture conditions, many farmers were still giving supplemental feed to cattle. It was reported that some beef producers may have a hard time meeting cattle nutrient requirement with the poor quality of hay made this year. Small grain seeding resumed towards the end of the week and should continue the following week. Many tobacco producers finished harvesting flue tobacco this week. Other activities for the week included soil sampling, doing farm repairs, applying fertilizer and lime, stalk chopping, and bush hogging.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
September 11, 2005	18	49	33	0
September 18, 2005	28	49	23	0
September 25, 2005	38	42	19	1
October 2, 2005	47	38	14	1
October 9, 2005	37	28	24	11
October 16, 2005	15	21	54	10

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	14	28	42	16	0
Livestock	1	6	33	52	8
Hay, (other)	21	26	37	13	3
Hay, (alfalfa)	9	18	50	22	1
Corn	1	8	30	45	16
Soybeans	6	22	33	33	6
Peanuts	0	7	49	44	0
Cotton	0	14	31	46	9
Apples, (all)	13	9	46	30	2
Grapes	0	0	16	74	10

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Corn for Grain Harvested	70	60	71	70
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	94	84	86	79
Soybeans Harvested	23	15	15	14
Winter Wheat Seeded	19	13	23	21
Barley Seeded	50	40	62	55
Flue-Cured Tobacco Harvested	100	90	100	97
Peanuts Dug	63	48	71	71
Peanuts Combined	49	33	54	54
Cotton Opening Bolls	100	98	98	89
Cotton Harvested	30	21	26	25
Fall Apples Harvested	83	76	87	86
Winter Apples Harvested	31	22	52	63

Weather Station	Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit)				Precipitation (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	75	48	60	4	0.20	-0.50	1
The Plains	76	49	60	4	0.45	-0.32	4
Winchester 7 SE	76	47	59	5	0.21	-0.49	3
Dale Enterprise	76	46	59	5	0.28	-0.42	2
WESTERN							
Glasgow	79	45	64	8	1.04	0.20	3
Roanoke AP	77	51	64	8	1.26	0.35	3
Waynesboro	77	42	59	6	0.39	-0.45	3
Staunton AG	75	46	60	7	0.44	-0.40	3
CENTRAL							
Somerset	77	47	61	5	0.52	-0.39	3
Piedmont Res ST	78	48	62	6	0.55	-0.36	2
Bremo Bluff	82	52	64	7	0.76	-0.22	2
Richmond AP	80	49	65	6	0.13	-0.70	2
EASTERN							
Eastville	73	57	65	4	0.15	-0.47	3
Wallops Island	76	55	64	2	0.52	-0.04	3
Williamsburg	78	49	64	4	0.13	-0.57	3
Keysville	80	46	63	6	0.22	-0.69	2
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	73	45	61	9	0.21	-0.63	1
Wytheville	74	39	62	10	0.00	-0.77	0
Saltville	78	41	63	9	0.00	-0.78	0
Richlands	78	36	62	14	0.00	-0.77	0
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	80	44	64	7	1.17	0.19	4
Danville AG	80	47	64	6	0.20	-0.64	1
Chatham	78	43	61	6	0.23	-0.65	3
Martinsville	78	47	63	7	0.58	-0.33	2
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	77	52	65	4	1.01	0.31	4
Oceana	78	51	66	3	0.31	-0.39	5
Emporia	78	48	63	6	0.04	-0.73	2
Newport News	79	51	65	4	0.29	-0.41	5

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.